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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10, 12-17, and 20 remain in this application. Claims 8-9, 11, and 18-19 have been canceled. Claims 1, 10, 12, 14-15, and 20 have been amended.

In The Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings because "there is no corresponding short descriptive text to clearly identify each position or transition of the ladder diagram in Figure 3". In responsive, Applicant has presented an amendment to the Specification herewith and asserts that the amended Specification now clearly identifies each position or transition of the ladder diagram in Fig. 3.

In The Claims

Claims 1-10 and 15-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deng (6,600,733) in view of Esparza (6,839,421). Further, the Examiner has acknowledged that claims 11-14 and 19-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

To facilitate immediate allowance of claims in the present application, though Applicant asserts to have viable arguments against the above-noted standing rejections, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 15 to include subject matter which the Examiner acknowledged as allowable. More specifically, the subject matter of Claim 11 (noted as allowable in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action dated 11/16/2005), and the intervening claims, has been included in Claim 1; and subject matter of Claim 19, and the intervening claims, has been included in Claim 15. For at least this reason, Applicant believes the claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 10, 12, 14, and 20 have been amended to correct dependency and/or correct typographical errors.


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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Bobby Slaton at (972) 519-2295.

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